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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: V. Hansen Attorney Docket No. PRBU115349  
Application No.: 09/607,502 Group Art Unit: 3624  
Filed: June 28, 2000 Examiner: N. Subramanian  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING AND EVALUATING  
NETWORK COMMODITIES PURCHASING

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE  
AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

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A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

X 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

|  | Claims<br>Remaining<br>After<br>Amendment |       | Highest<br>Number<br>Previously<br>Paid For |   | Present<br>Extra |   | Rate | Additional<br>Fee |        |
|--|---|-------|---|---|------------------|---|------|-------------------|--------|
| Total Claims                               | 36  | Minus | 36  | = | 0                | x | 9    | =                 | 0.00   |
| Independent<br>Claims                      | 3   | Minus | 3   | = | 0                | x | 43   | =                 | 0.00   |
| Total Additional Fee<br>for this Amendment |   |       |   |   |                  |   |      |                   | \$0.00 |

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B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed May 18, 2004, and an interview held with the Examiner on June 10, 2004, applicant desires to amend three claims in the above-identified application. Specifically, applicant requests entry of minor amendments to Claims 1, 18, and 32 as follows:

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